

Trip To Detroit Rewarding

Greetings From the East

Brothers, this is the last writing of this column until after the summer, we have reached the half way mark of the year.

The month of May was one of our busiest. We held three Master Mason Degrees; two at Phoenix and one at Vedic Lodge.

The trip to Vedic at the Main Temple in Detroit was one of the highlights of the year. We were conducted on a tour of the temple and saw a good many of the more than 1000 rooms that comprise the large and beautiful temple. Following the tour we gathered for supper followed by a short movie, after which Phoenix Lodge officers and degree team conferred the Master Mason Degree in long form.

By the time we close for the summer after June 14th, Phoenix will have raised fifteen Master Masons for the first half of the year. The fall promises to be just as busy.

June 14th, the night of our regular communication we are going to confer the Master Mason Degree for the last time until September.

Don't forget to contact one of your officers and secure tickets for the Fellowcraft picnic in June. Wives, and children are invited. Chicken will be served and a good time should be had by all.

May 24th and 25th your Master and St. Warden attended The Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Detroit and your Master had the

Dues Still Due

Brother Secretary Ralph Oltmanns informed us that there are still 45 brothers who have not paid their 1960 dues as yet.

Those who have not paid their dues send them into Brother Ralph as soon as possible.

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On May 23rd, Friends Night in our chapter turned out to be another highlight of the year. Birds and spring flowers were the predominant theme employed at the dinner which preceded the meeting. Suspended bird cages hung over the tables, centerpieces of miniature wheelbarrows filled with spring flowers, and nut cups made like bird nests holding candy eggs adorned the tables. A delicious chicken dinner was served with Associate Matron Laura Geib and co-chairman Gladys Carter in charge. Conductresses Lillian Garrett and Winnie Arnet were co-chairmen over the dining room and decorations.

Friends and members were delighted with Sister Joan Ray singing "Blue birds of Happiness" accompanied by Sister Dorothy Hunt. The wel-

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priveledge of nominating our honorary Brother Dr. W. Clyde Donald for re-election as Right Worshipful Grand Chaplin.

Have a nice summer and return in the fall.

Carl B. Barnett, W. M.

A fine time was enjoyed by all who attended the visitation of Phoenix Lodge to Vedic Lodge No. 496 in the Main Masonic Temple in Detroit on May 21.

Before the excellent dinner which was served in one of the many dining rooms of the Temple, a escorted tour of the building was enjoyed by the many brothers that were present. It was very interesting to see the different styles of architecture in the various Lodge Rooms. When you think about searching the several apartments of the Temple, you can see what a long process it would be. The Detroit Temple has more rooms, hallways, closets, preparation rooms, etc. than can be visualized by someone not familiar with the building.

After the ham dinner a motion picture film on the Sun was shown, and when the film broke, the second film scheduled was not shown, and everybody retired to the Lodge Room.

Robert M. Smith Worshipful Master of Vedic Lodge welcomed all the brothers, and introduced his officers. Carl Barnett Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge acknowledged the welcome, and introduced the officers and brethren of his Lodge.

The Craft Team put on the Master Mason's Degree in a very efficient manner.

Members of the Craft Team making the trip were: E. Clayton Proctor, Ed Sawyer, Troy Bird, Allan Ogle, Charles Hall, Dick Bradman, Jim Redman, Ray Vorce, Frank Daniels, John Jobe, James Mohler, Ed Addington, Harold

Lord, Martin Siler, Nels Mickelson, Harold Hawks, Leroy Draper, Frank Brickell, Earl Kline, Frank Harper, Henry Van Riper.

Other Brothers making the trip were Mervin Shannon, Captain of the Fellowcraft Team, Ralph Gregg, Charles Fagin, Andrew Petrina, Max Von Steeg, Charles Bohn.

Union Council News

In the year 1929, The Literary Digest for February 16 quoted Sec. of Labor Jas J. Davis as saying "That 86 per cent of Americans are poor. Mr. Davis admits that the American worker is better off, than any other workman in the world," and to further quote "The cause of American poverty is recognized to be the inequitable distribution of the nations vast wealth. 90 per cent of this wealth is owned by 13 per cent of the people. So much for Feb. 1929, the picture was not rosy. 30 years later we may ask ourselves, with so many more dollars to handle per week, how much better off are we, do we still have poor people, do we still have wealth which is poorly distributed?

The problem of labor and capital will never reach a peaceful solution on the basis of competition. So long as capital and labor are actuated by the spirit of rivalry, the spirit which now impels them on toward the climax which will be the destruction of both. Prosperity and Health, are the only sure signs of Peace.

Do we still have sickness disease, do we still have 1/3 of

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our nation ill clothed, ill fed and ill housed. Well I think you know the answer as well as I do. But do you know the reason for it all. Don't you think in 30 years we should have made some progress. But actually we have not. Our Scientists today are spending billions of dollars to probe the possibilities of travel to the Moon, and other planets, and they still are unable to determine the cause of a common cold, the simplest of all human ailments. Such incongruities are really monstrosities of human behavior. There is not an astronomer of note who will declare beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that the moon really exists. This whole system of Astronomy is predicated on the Copernican

In Memoriam

Phoenix Lodge has been saddened by the death of Brother Lyle Murdock, P.M. Brother Lyle was Worshipful Master in 1957.

During his year he instituted Fellowship night. Once a month the brothers gathered for a Social night and no Degree work was held. These nights were popular and many new faces turned out. Brother Lyle also started our Blood Bank during his year.

We all extend our sympathy to Brother Lyle's family.

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Theory, and which according to the great Copernicus himself who state quote "Neither let any one, so far as hypotheses are concerned, expect anything certain from Astronomy since that science can afford nothing of the kind. The hypotheses of the terrestrial motion of the earth, was nothing but an hypotheses, valuable only so far as it explained phenomena, and not to be considered with reference to absolute truth." And astronomer Ball states "Our knowledge of the figure of the earth is only obtained by indirect means." The Copernican system of Astronomy had its rise in the dark ages; and there is not an astronomer of note, who does not know and confess that there is nothing but assumption for its foundation. So with such fallacies and assumptions, isn't it about time we tried to get down to facts.

The Bible that Great Light in Masonry, and it really is a Great Light for those which has eyes to see, has never once concurred with the Copernican Theory. The Copernican system of Astronomy assumes (not proves) that the earth's surface is convex and upon this assumption the fallacious system has been fabricated. No astronomer has ever yet presented any proof of this system. So why should we waste our potencies on that which has no basis of fact. Why not concern ourselves with things which we know for sure. Let us leave these fallacies to the Russians, they do not profess a belief in God, and this Atheistical Astronomy is more adapted to their Ideologies, then to ours.

Let us pin our faith in God, and in the Bible. Man's knowledge of man is his knowledge of God. The Lord was Jehoval Manifest in his human perfection.

The Bible states "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgement."

This law applies as well to physical observations as to moral religious and spiritual things. Things are not as they appear at all times. The description of creation given in the first chapter of Genesis was never intended primarily as a presentment of the physical cosmogony, but as the creation of the man himself, which in his most external manifestation is in the physical form. Thus in this outward degree the heavens comprise the various regions of mind, while the body constitutes the earth.

Here let us insert this axiom. Form is a fundamental property of existence; therefore that which has no form has no existence. Limitation is a property of form. The universe has existence therefore it has form, hence it has limitation.

So it is finite. If we accept the logical deduction of the fallacious Copernican system of Astronomy we conclude the universe to be illimitable, and incomprehensible, therefore not only would the universe be forever beyond the reach of the intellectual perspective of human aspiration and effort, but God himself would be beyond the vale of our conception and therefore beyond our adoration. And this cannot be.

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Several wives of Masons have said they would like their husbands to tell them more about Masonry and what is done in a Masonic Lodge. They do not like the "secrecy" with which their husbands treat the subject.

Actually, there is very little a husband cannot tell his wife, or anyone else. A mode of recognition, a word or two, is all that is "secret" about Freemasonry. The procedure followed in a Masonic Lodge is much the same as that followed in any other organization — with one exception. The Master controls all debate and motions, where in other groups the head is subject to control by the members.

A Lodge is much like a home. No wife would want her husband to tell outsiders everything that was done or said within the walls of their home. Their "spats," financial problems, erring members of the family, charitable gifts, little disturbances that iron out in a day or so, but if broadcast in the community would be magnified out of proportion, should be kept within the walls of the home. The same is true with the Lodge.

The manner in which degrees are conferred would mean nothing to anyone who had not received those degrees. Masonic degrees are simply a means of teaching — teaching more about the love of God, the Brotherhood of Man, Immortality and Manhood. Every mother teaches her child certain things from the moment it was born — things that would mean nothing to another child, because the step by step instructions employed by one mother would differ from another mother. So it is with Masonry.

Reading, or hearing, about the so-called "higher degrees"

means nothing to a Blue Lodge Mason. It is like eating cake with the sugar left out. By the same token the ancient degrees fall flat if they are simply read or heard about. Perhaps the best proof is the fact that "exposes" of Masonry cannot sell in any quantity. No publisher has ever made a profit from them; therefore only "crusaders" will take the trouble to have them printed. Then they are so untruthful they are extremely amusing to any Mason who knows the ritual of the Craft.

Each mother knows she cannot teach a child beyond its capacity to learn, or absorb what is being taught. To endeavor to teach a child of six the binomial theorem

would be foolhardy. As the child develops and is patiently taught by one step at a time over a given period, that child would learn the meaning of higher mathematics. Thus Masonry can only be taught and understood one step at a time.

The Lodge is opened with a ritualistic ceremony that reminds the Brethren of what Freemasonry stands for — harmony, the love of God, and friendship. The Chaplain of the Lodge invokes the blessing of God. Minutes and correspondence are read as are letters from absent Brethren. Matters of business and charity are discussed and action taken. The Visitation Committee reports on the ill. The Communication is closed

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Officers

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come to our guests was given by the Worthy Matron and the response by Vivian Predmore, Worthy Matron of Saline. Following the dinner, the two hundred members adjourned to the chapter room. The Ypsilanti officers introduced their guest for the evening and relinquished their respective stations to Presiding Worthy Matrons Ann Nuttle, Dexter; Reata Wilkinson, Ann Arbor; Marilyn Samonek, Manchester; Worthy Patrons Walter Stolt, Detroit; Frank Davidson, Ann Arbor; Walter Samonek, Manchester; Associate Matron Lillian Newport, Walled Lake; Associate Patron Frank Campbell, Saline; Secretary Hazel Lee, P.M. Ypsilanti; Treasurer Erma Croxon, P.M. Detroit; Conductress Teresa Slater, Ann Arbor; Associate Conductress Gloria Radde, Ann Arbor; Chaplain Gladys Sump, P.M., Detroit; Marshal Wilma Delliner, Detroit; Organist Margaret DeVee, Milan; Adah, Donna Lester, Belleville; Ruth, June Popp, Plymouth; Esther, Doris Smith, P.M. Chelsea; Martha, Kathleen Arnett, Chelsea; Electa, Jean Reed, Belleville; Warder, Kate Wickens, Plymouth; Soloist, John Neuderfer, P.P. Manchester.

At the close of the initiation the Ypsilanti officers resumed their stations and a Memorial service followed before a huge white lighted cross in memory of the sisters and brothers of Ypsilanti chapter who passed away this last year. They were Sisters Nellie Kennedy, Nina Renton, Kate Ehman and Nellie Lang and Brother Howard Trotter. Since our meeting we have lost another life member, Sister Lillian Gale, who passed away on May 25th at the age of ninety one in a nursing home at Owosso, Mich.

Several of our officers have

attended Friends night in our neighboring chapters and exchanged their stations for the degree work. The conductresses Lillian Garrett and Winnie Arnet, Dorthy Baker as Ruth, Daisy Riley as Electa were guests of Ann Arbor; Worthy Matron Helen Crane, Worthy Patron Harold Case and Althea Eddings as Esther were guests at Manchester; Associate Patron Harold Lord, Wilma Dudley as Martha, and Margaret Case as Marshall exchanged offices at Pinckney Friends night.

Past Grand Marshall Ella Darling, 2nd Vice-President of Washtenaw County Association Lellavene Wallace and Worthy Matron Helen Crane attended the Oakland County Association at Hazel Park held May 26th.

Our regular meeting will be June 13th and on our usual meeting night for the Special June 27th we are having a Social evening and no initiatory work will be given. The appointive officers are serving as committee for this night. Doris Vint, chairman of the Star points which include Dorthy Baker, Althea Eddings, Wilma Dudley, and Anna Frank are on the entertainment.

The committee on refreshments include Hazel Laidlaw, Chairman, Lillian Oltmann, Loretta Boyd, Lenore Lord and Margaret Case. We hope to see many of our members attend this social event of the year. Bring your husband or a friend and we will have an evening of cheerful companionship and social enjoyment.

The color degree officers have served us delicious refreshments all through the year at our regular meetings and a vote of thanks goes to them. Now it is their turn to be entertained, along with the line officers who have planned and worked on all the Special dinners.

This brings the activities of Chapter No. 119 to a close for

the summer vacation and it is with pleasure that we look forward to relaxing from our fraternal duties and living out doors (and cleaning house). May you all keep safe and have good health. A pleasant vacation to all of you and may our fall session be as enjoyable and successful as this spring session has been.

Fraternally yours,
Helen Crane,
Worthy Matron

In Memoriam

The past month two brothers were elevated to that celestial lodge above over which the Supreme Grand Master of the universe presides. It is with extreme regret we list the two names below as Brother Richards was a Life Member, and Brother Murdock was a Past Master.

William Cecil Richards
Born: July 26, 1883
Raised: February 19, 1906
Died: June 4, 1960

Lyle A. Murdock
Born: April 26, 1901
Raised: February 18, 1947
Died: June 5, 1960

LAUGH AND ENJOY IT

Two farmers from Texas were always trying to outdo each other regarding crops. One morning the first farmer said to his son Jimmie, "Go over to Ernest and borrow his crosscut saw for me. Tell him I want to cut a watermelon.

On returning, Jimmy said, "Ernest said he couldn't let you have the saw until this afternoon. He's only halfway through a cucumber.

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with prayer by the Chaplain and a beautiful charge by the Master. That charge, found on Page 77 of the Methodical Digest (Virginia), should be read by everyone, as it states in few words what Masonry stands for.

Perhaps this all can be summed up by quoting part of a Masonic prayer offered by the late Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, a beloved Mason:

"Lord, by Thy faithfulness keep us faithful to the vows of chastity and charity we have taken upon the Holy Law at the Altar of Obligation — let us not fail to forget. Make us men of Brotherly Love in an unbrotherly world; give us gentle and skillful hands in the practice of Relief; lead our minds in the quest of Truth — even the truth of Eternal Life in the midst of our fleeting days. Here may youth find Thy consecration, and age Thy consolation. Amen."

—Allen E. Roberts in the Virginia Masonic Herald.

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